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Responsive to the Election Requirement dated August 9, 2004, Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims corresponding to Embodiment 1, Figures 1-4. At present, Applicants believe that claims 1-6, 9-11, 13-17 and 22-23 cover the elected species.

This election is made with traverse because claim 1 is generic to Embodiments 1-5. This is because all of Embodiments 1-5 relate to switches under construction of three beams or electrodes. Only Embodiment 6 relates to switches of two electrodes. Accordingly, Applicants contend that the election requirement should have required Applicants to elect either Figures 1-12 or Figures 13-15. Withdrawal of the present election requirement is respectfully requested.

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